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Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

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Re: Transmittal Letter to the United States
Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US)
Concerning a Filing Under 35 U.S.C. §371

International Application No.: PCT/JP99/02944 International Filing Date: June 2, 1999

Priority date claimed: June 4, 1998 Priority application number: 10-156,288

Inventorship: Kenji YAMAMURA vet al.

Title: ROLLING BEARING

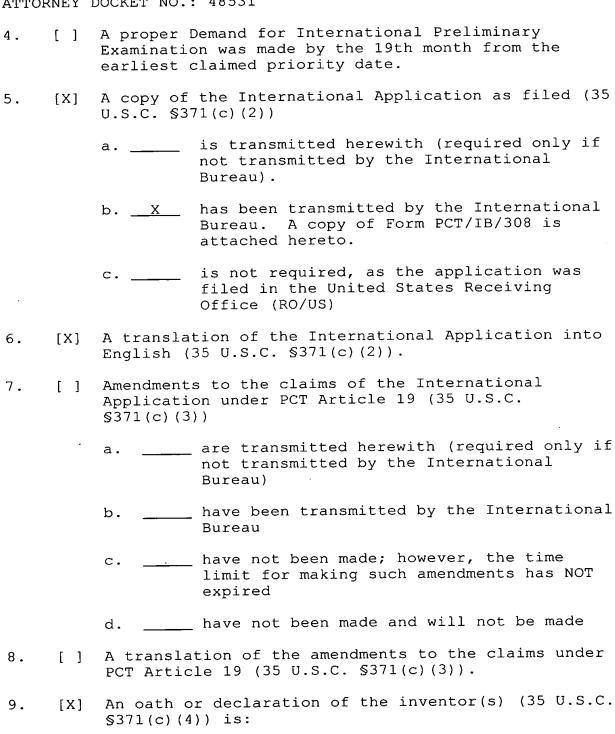
Enclosed herewith for entering the national stage in the United States is the above-referenced international application.

APPLICANT WISHES THAT THE ANNEXES TO THE INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT REPLACE THE APPROPRIATE PAGES OF THE CLAIMS AS FILED.

- [X] This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. §371.
- 2. [] This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. §371.
- 3. [X] This express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. §371(f)) at any time rather than delay examination until the expiration of the applicable time limit set in 35 U.S.C. §371(b) and PCT Articles 22 and 39(1).

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[X] Attached in the regular manner.

[ ] NOT included, but deferred under P.L. 97-247.

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- 10. [] A translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5))
- 11. [X] An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.
- 12. [X] An Assignment of the invention in favor of the following organization is enclosed for recordation. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.

  NSK Ltd.
- 13. [ ] A FIRST Preliminary Amendment.
  - [ ] A SECOND or SUBSEQUENT Preliminary Amendment.
- 14. [ ] A substitute specification.
- 15. [ ] A change of power of attorney and/or address letter.
- 16. [ ] Other items of information:
  - [ ] Form PCT/RO/101 Request (in English/in French)
  - [ ] Small Entity Declaration Under 37 C.F.R. 1.27
- [X] \_\_\_\_\_ Sheet of Formal Drawing
  S [] \_\_\_\_\_ Sheets of Informal Drawings
  - [ ] The content of the paper and computer readable copy of the attached Sequence Listing, submitted in accordance with 37 CFR \$1.821(c) and (e), respectively, are the same.
  - [X] Kindly appoint as associate attorneys (if not already a principal attorney) or agents:

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[X] The total amount due for the filing fee in this case is:

[ ] Based on Small Entity Status

Total Number of Claims: 4 Total Independent Claims: 4

Please forward all communications regarding this application to the undersigned at the letterhead address.

Respectfully submitted

Reg. No. 24,392

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THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED TO CHARGE ANY FEES WHICH MAY BE REQUIRED OR CREDIT ANY OVERPAYMENT TO DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO. 05-1323. THIS FORM IS FILED IN DUPLICATE.

THIS IS A GENERAL AUTHORIZATION EXCLUDING ONLY PAYMENT OF THE ISSUE FEE.